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SUBJECT: AFDB/AFDF ANNUAL MEETING

FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH FROM TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BUSHNELL

1. MY MAIN CONCERN WITH OUR OBSERVER ROLE AT ANNUAL
MEETING IS THAT WE NOT IN ANYWAY COMPROMISE OUR POSITION IN
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DEFENDING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AFDF WITH CONGRESS. WE
RECOGNIZE OF COURSE THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR OUR
ENTRY INTO THE FUND ARE NOW UNSPECIFIED. HOWEVER, I WANT

TO BE IN POSITION TO TELL CONGRESS WE HAVE HAD NO DISCUSSIONS WITH AFDF, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, NOR WITH OTHER DONORS ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS; THAT WE THEREFORE ANTICIPATE WE SHALL BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THE ORIGINAL ENTRY CONDITIONS AND THAT WE INTEND TO NEGOTIATE ONLY AFTER CONGRESS HAS ACTED ON THE AUTHORIZATION.

2. WITH TWO PROPOSALS NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS - THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOR DOLLARS 15 MILLION AND A BILL WITH ORIGINS IN THE BLACK CAUCUS FOR DOLLARS 150 MILLION - WE SHALL BE PRESSED TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THE 15 MILLION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. IT WILL PROBABLY BE HELD THAT THE

ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL IS TOO LOW TO BE ACCEPTABLE IN AFRICA.

3. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE REPORT ANY STATEMENTS WHICH BEAR ON THE ISSUE OF U.S. ENTRY, BUT I WOULD HOPE THIS DOES NOT BECOME AN ISSUE FOR POSTURING BY VARIOUS MEMBERS AND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD LIMIT OUR FLEXIBILITY ON THE ABOVE CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGY.

4. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR U.S PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR EVEN AT THE DOLLARS 15 MILLION ADMINISTRATION LEVEL AND I BELIEVE OUR BEST POSTURE AT THE MEETING SHOULD BE A LOW ONE.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WORKING WITH ALICE DRESS OF MY OFFICE IN BOTH DAKAR AND ABIDJAN SO THAT SHE CAN GATHER A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY AND BACK-UP PRESENTATION. KISSINGER

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